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Following info taken from CI/OA file on Ivan Dachev: Info received from FBI, etc. during investigative procedure and afterwards in granting subject clearance:

DOCHEV was former leader of "Bulgarski Legioni" whose members were generally designated by term "Legioneri". Organisation was Bulg counterpart of Hitler Youth movement and said to have been sponsored financially and ideologically by Germans. Then associated (after fleeing from Bulgaria) with TSANKOV's government in exile in Vienna.

On DOCHEV's application for immigration he filled in the following:

Lawyer in Sofia 1938-41; mayor of Silistra, 41-43; secy general of Bulgarian

Agrarian Assoc. 43-44; and under "political affiliations" he wrote Bulgarian Anti-Communist Legion 1930-37; "no party member", 37-42; secy general of Bulgarian Agrarian Assoc. 43-44; (full info not on immigration form: CIC Salzburg & Munich 46-47; CIC and University of Heidelberg, 1948; Information Service of American Occupation Forces, Germany 48-50.

WHO'S WHO of Bulgaria for 1944 lists DOCHEV as Chief of Department of Oral and Practical Propaganda at National Propaganda Directorate. "Former fascist youth leader and organiser of Nazi students even before the war." This last statement found in list of Bulgarian Nazis reported in Austria and Germany in August 45. Associated with Alexander TSANKOV, extreme rightists leader of pro-Germany govt in exile set up in Vienna.

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